(d) whether Government propose to extend air services to airports like Hubli and other centres, while acquiring new aircrafts?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) A Statement showing the details of aircraft in the fleet of Vayudoot is annexed. (See below).

(c) Yes, Sir. Action has been initiated to induct modern fuel efficient aircraft.

(d) Subject to availability of aircraft capacity and economic viability of operations, Vayudoot may consider commencement of operations to various stations including Hubli.

Statement

Details of Receipt of Aircraft

S. No.	Aircraft Reg. No.	Date of registration
01	DO-228 VT-EI0;	20-07-84
02	DO-228 VT-EIP	20-07-84
03	DO-228 VT-EIQ	20-07-84
04	DO-228 VT-EJO	13-11-85
05	DO-228 VT EJN	28-08-86
06	DO-228 VT-EJW	28-8-86
07	DO-228 VT-EJU	28-08-86
08	DO-228 VT-EJV	28-08-86
09	HS-748 VT-DXK	29-09-68
10	HS-748 VT-DXL	29-09-68
11	HS-748 VT-DXM	29-09-68
12	HS-748 VT-DXN	02-04-69
13	HS-748 VT-DXR	02-04-69
14	HS-748 VT-DXP	02-04-69
15	HS-748 VT-DXQ	02-04-69
16	HS-748 VT-DXO	02-04-69

Private air taxi services

1370. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private air taxi services in operation as on date;

(b) the routes on which they are operating;

(c) whether Government have any sort of control on their services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) As on 26-7-93, 15 companies had obtained Air Taxi Operators Permit. Air Taxi Operations

are in the nature of non-scheduled and/or chartered operations to any airport to which scheduled service operate. Air Taxi Operator's Permit can be cancelled for breach of guidelines contained in Aeronautical Information Circular No. 24 of 1990, Aircraft Rules, 1937 and instructions issued thereunder from time to time.

Steps to counter low morale of IA staff

1371. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has initiated an inhouse debate on the low morale and despondency amongst its staff;

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines is unable to meet the competition from the private sector; and

(c) whether Government propose to make any drastic change in style of functioning in Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There is a growing awareness among the employees that suitable strategies need to be developed to meet the challenges of competition. The process of introspection and identification of areas where improvement is required have already commenced. 'Vimanika', the house journal of Indian Airlines has invited suggestions from employees to develop a greater sense of involvement in the entire process of rejuvenation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Better work practices and services to passengers are expected from Indian Airlines.

IA service on Bhopal-Raipur route

1372. SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA:

SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any proposal from the Madhya Pradesh Government regarding linking Bhopal, with Raipur town by Indian A lines services; and

(b) if so, what action has been tak for introduction of Indian Airlines s vices on this route?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVI TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULA NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the present B-7 operating crew constraints, availability aircraft and traffic demand, it is not po ble for Indian Airlines to introduce s vices between Bhopal and Raipur at t stage.

मुम्बई–अहमदाबाद–इन्दौर मार्ग पर इंडिय एयरलाइंस की उड़ान सेवा को बंद किय जाना

1373. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय**

श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्र यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडिय एयरलाइंस मुम्बई-अहमदाबाद-इन्दौर-भोपा कलकत्ता क्षेत्र के लिए सप्ताह में दो दि उड़ान-सेवा संचालित करती थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त उड़ान-सेव को बन्द करने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार जनता को ह रही असुविधा को देखते हुए इस उड़ान सेवा को फिर से आरंभ करने का विचा रखती है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्र (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) जं हां ।

(ख) और (ग) दिसम्बर, 1992 विमान-चालकों की हड़ताल के कारण उड़ान को बन्द कर दिया गया था कर्मीदल की कठिनाई के कार इंडियन एयरलाइंस इस समय इस सेव को बहाल करने की स्थिति में नहीं है।